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Youth Leadership and Alternative Education Initiatives



ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.
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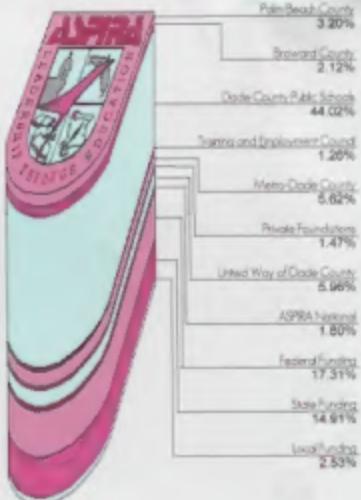


MISSION STATEMENT

"To empower the Puerto Rican and Latino community through education and the leadership development of its youth."

By ASPIRA Association, Inc.

REVENUE



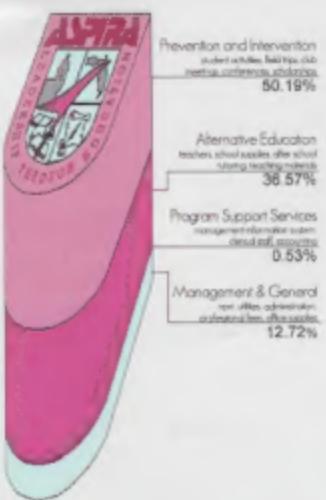
PROGRAM IMPACT

For program year 1996-97 a total of 1,559 educationally at-risk students were recruited from 34 schools and communities in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

Of these students, 94% were encouraged to stay in school and not drop out. Of the 92 high school seniors recruited, 97% graduated. Of the 89 high school graduates, 96% enrolled into post secondary institutions.

Accadade and Accadade South, the ASPIRA Alternative Middle Schools, had a 94% daily attendance. Accadade students increased on average 1-2 grade levels in standardized reading and math tests.

EXPENSES



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(As of June 30, 1997)

ASSETS

Current Assets	\$700,114
Property and Equipment	300,327

Total Assets

\$1,090,441

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	\$195,345
Net Assets - Unrestricted	643,143
Net Assets - Temporarily Restricted	251,953

Total Net Assets

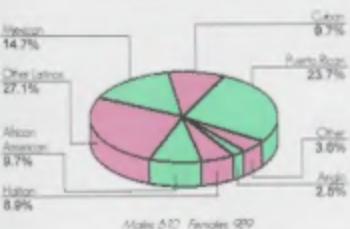
\$852,056

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$1,090,441

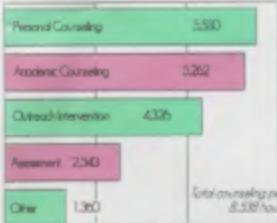
CLIENT ETHNICITY

Total Caseload = 159



INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING SESSIONS

Total Individual Sessions = 19,021



GROUP COUNSELING SESSIONS

Total Group Sessions = 2,257

Type of Group Session	Number of Sessions	Attendance
Club Meetings	995	17,893
Workshops	670	8,646
Small Group Counseling	318	2,211
Conferences	79	771
Educational Field Trips	121	2,566
Recreational Field Trips	134	2,644
TOTAL	2,257	34,692

A copy of the audited financial statements may be inspected or obtained at the office of Miguel Lutuya, Certified Public Accountant, Miami, Florida.

A Message from Raul Martinez, M.Ed.

President and Chief Executive Officer, ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.

ASPIRA South

During the 1997 Program Year, ASPIRA implemented and operationalized various objectives of its business and strategic plans of geographic expansion. ASPIRA's plans are rooted in the Puerto Rican and Latino community, and driven by the mission to serve and address the "educational and developmental needs of all youth" throughout Florida's multi-cultural communities. ASPIRA is committed to pursue the highest quality programming for youth who are at risk of dropping out of school.

ASPIRA of Florida is a community based organization, with program operations in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties (Homestead, Greater Miami & Miami Beach). ASPIRA is not an acronym but rather a Spanish word which means to aspire, to strive.

The Tri-County region provides ASPIRA with opportunities to network and to mobilize the community to achieve greater educational and leadership opportunities.

Greater Miami & The Beaches

This program division houses Accolade Middle, our first alternative school and Florida's flag ship program of Youth Leadership Development and Outreach. Serving the immediate neighborhoods of Westwood and South Beach, ASPIRA has created a network of over 20 ASPIRA clubs throughout Dade County Public Schools and outreach centers. Local funding from Miami-Dade County and the cities of Miami & Miami Beach have maintained services to the most needy.

ASPIRA has continued to develop and promote an innovative concept in the delivery of alternative education, pre college and early awareness prevention/intervention services. The ASPIRA model is a Youth Sanctuary, an educational safe haven free from violence, drugs and gangs where youth can come off the streets and receive an education, counseling, mentorship and become involved in community service.

ASPIRA of Florida, Inc is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

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